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## INFORMATION REPORT

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## SOURCE (A)

1. All tickets and reservations for us were arranged by [REDACTED] the trip from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] being part of our itinerary approved by [REDACTED] officials. We originally were scheduled to depart from [REDACTED] in early afternoon on 4 Oct 55 but due to a change in train schedules we were delayed and actually departed on a later train which had better accommodations. Departing from [REDACTED] at about six [sic] o'clock, we traveled south at a speed of 20-30 mph, reaching [REDACTED] before dark. After stopping at [REDACTED], our direction of travel changed from south to west. At 7:10 o'clock exactly ten minutes after leaving [REDACTED] and 15 or 20 minutes before our arrival at [REDACTED] one of the party who was in an adjoining compartment rushed in and exclaimed, "I saw it! I just saw a flying saucer!" He had been talking and had not looked outside for some time. When we turned our attention to the window, we did not see anything unusual as the light was as in the compartment and it was twilight outside.
2. We turned the light off as quickly as possible. At this time, I saw a shadowy form above the horizon to the south. Its profile was not clearly outlined against the sky but appeared to be shaped like a partially deflated balloon with a slight cone on top. When I first saw it, it was off the ground and rising rather slowly in a vertical direction. There were two sources of light connected with the object, a white light on top and on the perimeter, a glow which was about the same color as an aircraft engine exhaust, white with a trace of pink. I have no estimate of its distance from us, possibly 1-2 miles. From this perspective it appeared to be about the size of a [REDACTED] which is rather stubby for fighter aircraft. It continued to rise vertically with the glow moving slowly around the perimeter in a clockwise direction giving the appearance of a pinwheel. When it reached an altitude of 10-15 degrees from the horizon, the spinning stopped, the glow remaining fixed on the side away from us, and it then moved toward us at tremendous speed passing over the train. I would estimate that it was much faster than a jet plane doing a fly-by. The light on top disappeared as it came toward us. The object did not seem to change size to any great extent as it came toward us. My viewing position at the window, incidentally, was approximately six feet above the level of the railroad track. I am six feet tall and I remember that once while standing beside the train my head came up to the bottom of the window. When I was viewing the object I was in a stooped position and was looking out of the bottom of the window.

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3. About 45-50 degrees to the left of the point at which I first saw the object, were two white lights which appeared to be searchlights. These were visible, one of which was directed parallel to the ground, the other seemed to cross it directed toward the ground. They did not move and apparently were used for ground illumination.

4. The object which I saw could not have been either a rocket or missile; the ~~object~~ ~~object~~ ~~object~~ There was enough daylight remaining to definitely see a form; however, it was insufficient to distinguish a specific configuration. The slowly revolving light must have been related to its propulsion as it caused revolving at the end of the vertical movement and remained in a fixed position to the rear of its direction of movement when it was swiftly toward me. I cannot estimate the time it was in sight but it was very short. My impression was that it rose nearly vertically to the point where its movement changed to horizontal with a slight swaying or at the point of inflection of the two lines.

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